

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR YO US  
SUBJ: ATTACK ON CIA AND AMBASSADOR DAVIS

REF: BELGRADE 5534

IN DISCUSSIONS WITH A BORBA EDITOR (MATOVIC) AND SEVERAL  
TANJUG EDITORS (POPOVIC AND STANIC), EMBOFF QUESTIONED  
PROPRIETY OF THE ARTICLE (REFTEL), AND PROTESTED THE  
UNSUBSTANTIATED ALLEGATIONS REGARDING AMBASSADOR DAVIS.  
REACTIONS RANGED FROM A PROFOUND SHRUG (BY ONE OF THE

TANJUG MEN) TO A SERIOUS ATTEMPT BY THE BORBA EDITOR TO  
RATIONALIZE THE USE OF THE ARTICLE. HIS MAJOR ARGUMENT  
WAS THAT THE ARTICLE RESULTED FROM THE FREE EXERCISE OF  
EDITORIAL JUDGMENT WHICH HE SAID IS, OF COURSE, CHARACTERISTIC  
OF THE YUGOSLAV PRESS. THE EMBOFF REGISTERED HIS SKEPTICISM  
OF THE EXPLANATION, AND WONDERED ALOUD HOW YUGOSLAV  
AUTHORITIES WOULD REACT IF WE WERE TO REVEAL PUBLICLY,  
WITH SUBSTANTIATING EVIDENCE, WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE  
ACTIVITIES OF SOME OF THEIR AMBASSADORS. THE YUGOSLAV  
NEWSMEN EBRESSED CONCERN OVER THAT POSSIBILITY, AND  
UNANIMOUSLY HOPED THAT WE WOULD DO NOTHING LIKE THAT  
TO HARM OUR "GENERALLY GOOD" RELATIONS.  
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